

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 213 public bills, H.R. 11–223; 1 private bill, H.R. 224; and 30 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–5; H. Con. Res. 1–3; and H. Res. 1–22, were introduced.

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Report Filed: A report was filed on January 3, 2009 as follows:

Summary of Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct for the 110th Congress (H. Rept. 110–938).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington.

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Election Credentials for the Resident Commissioner and Delegates: The Clerk announced that credentials have been received showing the elections of the following: Honorable Pedro R. Pierluisi, Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate from the District of Columbia; Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Delegate from Guam; Honorable Donna M. Christensen, Delegate from the Virgin Islands; Honorable Eni F.H. Faleomavaega, Delegate from American Samoa; and Honorable Gregorio Sablan, Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Member Resignation: The Clerk announced that she was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Representative Emanuel from the state of Illinois. Agreed without objection that the letters relating to his resignation will be printed in the Record.

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Election of Speaker: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi of California was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives and received 255 votes. The Honorable John A. Boehner of Ohio received 174 votes. Earlier, the Clerk appointed Representatives-elect Brady (PA), Daniel E. Lungren (CA), Kaptur, and Ros-Lehtinen to act as Tellers.

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Escort Committee: The Clerk appointed the following committee to escort the Speaker-elect to the Chair: Representatives-elect Boehner, Hoyer, Clyburn, Cantor, Larson, Pence, Becerra, and McCotter and the members of the California delegation: Representatives-elect Stark, George Miller, Waxman, Lewis, Dreier, Berman, Gallegly, Herger, Rohrabacher, Waters, Calvert, Eshoo, Filner, McKeon, Roybal-Allard, Royce, Woolsey, Farr, Zoe Lofgren, Radanovich, Sherman, Loretta Sanchez, Tauscher,

Capps, Bono Mack, Lee, Gary G. Miller, Napolitano, Thompson, Baca, Harman, Davis, Honda, Issa, Schiff, Solis, Watson, Cardoza, Nunes, Linda T. Sánchez, Daniel E. Lungren, Costa, Matsui, Campbell, Bilbray, McCarthy, McNerney, Richardson, Speier, Hunter, and McClintock.

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Administration of the Oath of Office to Members of the 111th Congress: The Dean of the House, the Honorable John D. Dingell, administered the oath of office to the Speaker. The Speaker then administered the oath to the Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates.

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Election of Majority and Minority Leaders: The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Larson, announced the election of Representative Steny H. Hoyer as the Majority Leader. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pence, announced the election of Representative John A. Boehner as the Minority Leader.

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Election of Majority and Minority Whips: The Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, Representative Larson, announced the election of Representative James E. Clyburn as the Majority Whip. The Chairman of the Republican Conference, Representative Pence, announced the election of Representative Eric Cantor as the Minority Whip.

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Electing Officers of the House of Representatives: The House agreed to H. Res. 1, choosing the following officers for the House of Representatives: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; Wilson S. Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; and Father Daniel P. Coughlin, Chaplain.

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On a division of the question, rejected the Pence amendment that sought to choose Paula Nowakowski as Clerk; Steve Stombres as Sergeant at Arms; and Jo-Marie St. Martin as Chief Administrative Officer.

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Notify the Senate that a Quorum Has Assembled: The House agreed to H. Res. 2, to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House has assembled and of the election of the Speaker and Clerk.

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Notify the President of the Assembly of the 111th Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 3, authorizing the Speaker to appoint members of the House to a joint committee to notify the President of the assembly of the Congress. Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representatives Hoyer and Boehner to the committee. Later, Representatives Hoyer and Boehner each announced that the Committee had notified the President that a quorum of

each House had assembled and was ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make.

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Notify the President of the Election of the Speaker and the Clerk: The House agreed to H. Res. 4, authorizing the Clerk to inform the President of the election of the Speaker and the Clerk.

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Adopting Rules for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress: The House agreed to H. Res. 5, adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, by a yea-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 4.

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Rejected the Dreier motion to commit the resolution to a select committee comprised of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader with instructions to report back the same to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 249 nays, Roll No. 3.

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Election of Members to Certain Standing Committees: The House agreed to H. Res. 8, electing the following Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Peterson, Chairman. Committee on Appropriations: Representative Obey, Chairman. Committee on Armed Services: Representative Skelton, Chairman. Committee on the Budget: Representative Spratt, Chairman. Committee on Education and Labor: Representative George Miller (CA), Chairman. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Waxman, Chairman. Committee on Financial Services: Representative Frank (MA), Chairman. Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Berman, Chairman. Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Thompson (MS), Chairman. Committee on House Administration: Representative Brady (PA), Chairman. Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Conyers, Chairman. Committee on Natural Resources: Representative Rahall, Chairman. Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Towns, Chairman. Committee on Rules: Representative Slaughter, Chairman; Representatives McGovern, Hastings (FL), Matsui, Cardoza, Welch, Castor (FL), Arcuri, and Sutton. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Gordon (TN), Chairman. Committee on Small Business: Representative Velazquez, Chairman. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Oberstar, Chairman. Committee on Veterans Affairs: Representative Filner, Chairman. Committee on Ways and Means: Representative Rangel, Chairman.

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Election of Certain Minority Members to Certain Standing Committees: The House agreed to H.

Res. 12, electing the following Members of the minority to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives: Committee on Agriculture: Representative Lucas. Committee on Appropriations: Representative Lewis (CA). Committee on Armed Services: Representative McHugh. Committee on the Budget: Representative Ryan (WI). Committee on Education and Labor: Representative McKeon. Committee on Energy and Commerce: Representative Barton (TX). Committee on Financial Services: Representative Bachus. Committee on Foreign Affairs: Representative Ros-Lehtinen. Committee on Homeland Security: Representative King (NY). Committee on the Judiciary: Representative Smith (TX). Committee on Natural Resources: Representative Hastings (WA). Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Representative Issa. Committee on Rules: Representative Dreier. Committee on Science and Technology: Representative Hall (TX). Committee on Small Business: Representative Graves. Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Representative Mica. Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Representative Buyer. Committee on Ways and Means: Representative Camp.

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Daily Hour of Meeting: The House agreed to H. Res. 10, fixing the daily hour of meeting for the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Assembly Outside of the District of Columbia: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 1, regarding consent to assemble outside of the District of Columbia.

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Appointment Authority: Agreed that during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Extension of Remarks: Agreed that during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress, all Members be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material within the permitted limit in that section of the Record entitled "Extensions of Remarks".

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Morning-Hour Debate: Agreed to the procedures regarding the format for morning-hour debate for the first session of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Policies of the Chair: The Chair announced her policies with respect to particular aspects of the legislative process dealing with (1) privileges of the floor; (2) introduction of bills and resolutions; (3) unanimous-consent requests for the consideration of legislation; (4) recognition for one-minute speeches;

(5) recognition for special-order speeches; (6) decorum in debate; (7) conduct of votes by electronic device; (8) use of handouts on the House floor; (9) use of electronic equipment on the House floor; and (10) use of the Chamber. Agreed without objection that the announcements will be printed in the Record.

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House Office Building Commission: The Chair announced that Representatives Hoyer and Boehner will serve as members of the House Office Building Commission with the Speaker.

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Inspector General for the House of Representatives—Appointment: The Chair announced the joint appointment by the Speaker, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader of Mr. James J. Cornell of Springfield, Virginia, to the position of Inspector General for the House of Representatives for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Reyes, Chairman, and Representative Hoekstra.

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Hoyer and Representative Van Hollen to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions in her absence during the period of the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

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Clerk Designations: Read a letter from the Clerk wherein she designated Ms. Deborah M. Spriggs, Deputy Clerk, and Mr. Robert F. Reeves, Deputy Clerk, to sign any and all papers and do all other acts in case of her temporary absence or disability.

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Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics—Reappointments: The Chair announced the reappointment of the following individuals to serve as the Governing Board of the Office of Congressional Ethics, pursuant to section 4(d) of H. Res. 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of today: Nominated by the Speaker with the concurrence of the Minority Leader: Mr. David Skaggs of Colorado, Chairman; Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke of California, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Karan English of Arizona, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Abner Mikva of Illinois, Alternate. Nominated by the Minority Leader with the concurrence of the Speaker: Mr. Porter J. Goss of Florida, Cochairman; Mr. James M. Eagen III of Colorado, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); Ms. Allison R. Hayward of Virginia, subject to section 1(b)(6)(B); and Mr. Bill Frenzel of Virginia, Alternate.

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Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she designated Representative Hoyer to act jointly with the Majority Leader of the Senate, or his designee, in the event of the death or inability of the Speaker, to notify Members of the House and Senate of any reassembly.

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Order of Members to Act as Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter dated January 6, 2009, listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1.

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Designation of Minority Employees: The House agreed to H. Res. 13, designating minority employees pursuant to the Legislative Pay Act of 1929, as amended.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H24.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages 19 and 20. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 1, which appears on pages 1 and 2.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ASSESSING MADOFF PONZI SCHEME AND THE NEED FOR REGULATORY REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: On January 5, the Committee met to discuss "Assessing the Madoff Ponzi Scheme and the Need for Regulatory Reform." The following persons participated in the discussion: H. David Kotz, Inspector General, SEC; and non-governmental persons.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D—)

H.R. 6859, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1501 South Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Georgia, as the "Dr. Walter Carl Gordon, Jr. Post Office Building". Signed on December 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–454)

S.J. Res. 46, ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of Secretary of State are those which were in effect on January 1, 2007. Signed on December 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–455)